MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: Will the honourable member be pleased to state the number of applications received?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Nearly 300 applications have been received till this date.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: May I know the number disposed of?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: About 239 applications have been disposed of.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: May I know who are the members of the Committee?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: In Trivandrum, the Division Peishkar, the Mayor and the D. S. P. Similarly in the other centres the Division Peishkars, the Chairmen of the Municipalities of Quilon and Kottayam and the District Superintendents of Police in those centres.

Permission for republication of newspapers.

263. * **MR. K. A. MATHEW** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the policy followed by Government in granting permission sought for the republication of newspapers under the Paper Control Order;

(*b*) the newspapers whose republication has been granted and the dates of the orders giving permission;

(*c*) the number of permissions granted for the printing and publication of fresh newspapers since the promulgation of the Paper Control Order;

(*d*) the quantity of newsprint at the disposal of the Government for distribution and how they are being distributed among the newspapers in the State;

(*e*) the reason why the permission sought for the republication of 'Navasakti' (നവശക്തി) on 18-7-1119 was refused; and

(*f*) the names of newspapers allowed to be republished or newly started since that refusal and the grounds for permission in each case?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Government sanction for the republication of a newspaper, envisaged in the Paper Control Order of 1118, is based on the criteria of essentiality and public interests in view especially to the present scarcity of newsprint.

(*b*) A *statement showing the names of the newspapers or periodicals to which sanction has been accorded for republication, since the Paper Control Order of 1118, and the dates on which sanction was accorded in each case is laid on the table.

(*c*) Nine.

(*d*) The quantity available varies from time to time.

(*e*) Government were convinced that it was not expedient in the public interest to allow exemption to this newspaper from the provisions of the Paper Control Order.

* *Vide* appendix I, page 918.

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(*f*) A statement showing the names of newspapers to which sanction has been given for republication and of those newspapers newly started under licence granted to them since the refusal referred to is laid on the table. In the opinion of Government, the newspapers mentioned therein were entitled to the sanction.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know from the member whether the opinion of the Government is influenced by the complexion of political views held by any paper?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Various considerations which are relevant to the judgment to be formed in those cases, influence them.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether political conviction is one of the considerations?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: I do not understand what the member means by "political conviction."

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether any paper will not be given permission if it holds a certain view regarding the political views of Travancore Government?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: I do not understand what the member exactly means. Merely because a paper holds a particular view it does not follow that that paper will not be countenanced.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the honourable member enlighten us as to some of the principles which they will countenance?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: That question has been answered as part (*a*) of the question.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether Government have got any objection to permit papers using hand-made paper?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Handmade paper comes within the purview of the control order.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: If hand-made paper is available, may I know whether Government will raise any objection if the newspapers use them?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: All available paper is subject to control.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know from the Government whether they are aware that in British India newspapers are allowed to print in handmade paper?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: I doubt it, Sir.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): With reference to answer to part (*c*), may I know the reasons which led them to this conviction?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: It is a matter of opinion, Sir.

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MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know the facts on which Government came to this conviction?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Government thought that this paper should not be exempted from the Paper Control Order.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Am I to take it that it is the policy of the Government that this paper should not be published?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Not necessarily, Sir.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether this paper holds a licence?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know the reasons for the Government holding the opinion that this paper is not fit for publication?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: That is the opinion of the Government, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know who applied for the publication of the newspaper?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: I am not aware of it just now.

Road joining the Adoor-Thumpamon Road with M. C. Road.

264. *MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a representation from the people of Pongaladi Muri, Pandalam Thekkekara pakuthi, Mavelikara taluk praying that the road joining the Adoor-Thumpamon Road (between 3rd and 4th milestones) with the M. C. Road (between 63rd and 64th milestones) and passing through Pongaladi and Perumpulikkal Muris which the people of the locality have opened, be taken over by Government; and

(*b*) what action they propose to take thereon and when?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Chief Engineer P. W. D.*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government can take action only after the ryots complete the road and hand over the lands in accordance with the ryots road rules.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know what are the conditions to be specified?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: They are available in the Ryots' Roads Rules.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Were the inhabitants informed as to what they should do?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes.

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(c) Persons in custody are taken in day time to convenient places, not far away from the stations under proper escort to answer the calls of nature. Earthen pots are kept in the lock-ups at night for the purpose and the next morning they are removed and the lock-ups well cleaned and disinfected.

New Roads in the Parur Taluk.

290. *MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state the actual amount spent for the construction of new roads in the Parur taluk in the year 1119?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The information will be available only after the accounts of the year are closed.

Ranni Road.

291. *MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ranni Road which branches off from the Poovanakkadavu-Cherukolepuzha Road is not unfit for traffic;

(b) whether the Changanacherry-Ranni bus service has been stopped on account of the bad condition of this road;

(c) whether the Kunnom-Kottangal road which branches off from the Poovanakkadavu-Cherukolepuzha road is fit for traffic; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken to improve these roads?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (a) Not unfit for traffic.

(b) Not aware.

(c) A portion of the road is not fit for traffic.

(d) Yes.

Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 263.**

STATEMENT No. 1.

	Name of Newspaper or periodical.	*Date on which sanction was given for its republication.*
1.	The Trivandrum Daily News	23-11-1943.
2.	The Bhashaposhini	4-1-1944.
3.	The Suvisesha Prabhashakan	12-1-1944.
4.	The Jyothir Nidhi or The Eastern Astrologer	20-1-1944.
5.	Punchiri	28-2-1944.
6.	Kerala Bhushanam	5-4-1944.

STATEMENT No. 2.

(Answer to Part (f) of 263.)

Newspapers for which permission was granted for republication.	*Newspapers newly started under licences granted.*
1. Kerala Bhushanam.	1. Sumangala.
	2. Dharma Deepam.

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